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WEATHER TODAY

Portland, Nov. 18.—Western Washington: Occasional rain. Eastern Oregon Eastern Washington: Cloudy with occasional rain.

BEAR IT IN MIND.

The Republican party and those who stand with it for a clean and decent city, in the coming fight, are not asking that the letter of the law shall be invoked against saloons, nor against other sources of evil; but they are unequivocally determined that the license now in vogue shall not be transcended now expanded into a slough of degeneracy; and if the dives of Astoria are put in power, if the "open town" card turns up trump on December 9th, then, and then only, will the drastic force of every statute and charter provision go into instant and rigorous effect.

DEMOCRATIC CHESTNUTS.

Taking the men who had the most to say and do at the late Non-Partisan convention in this city, it would seem to a man up a tree that the rank and file of the meeting were simply and silly employed in raking Democratic chestnuts from the campaign fire.

ASTORIA IS ALL RIGHT.

The amenities of a local campaign are to be deplored, always; but they are not inadmissible. When Astoria gets through with her present issues and has settled them to her liking, she will go ahead just the same as before, trying hard to build up and be a city of influence and importance, a center of culture and refinement and progress, a commercial place of moment and interest abroad and at home.

BUSINESS, NOT POLITICS.

To the Portland Oregonian: When you get through with your policy of yielding every thing to the politicians and corporationists of this State, and get ready to do business, on business principles, with business men, the chances are mightily in favor of there being a greater depth of water on the Columbia river bar.

SNARLING AGAIN.

The Oregonian has another snarl at the Pilot Commission anent the water on the Columbia river bar. Why don't Ed. Wright and his Willamette Valley Mariners come down here and sound the bar for themselves? They would know just as much about it when they got

through as they do now, and that is absolutely NIL. There is an abundant shortage of water on the bars they are most familiar with. They don't want more water. They are beaten to a standstill and want something to snarl about; that's all.

CORPORATION GAG ON.

The trouble with the State of Oregon, now, and for the past 30 years is, and has been that the railroads are in politics, and politics is the bete noir of business. The corporation gag is on the State, and like California, she must throw it off. She will do it, in time, and God speed her realization.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

What about that unfinished Com. House for Clatsop County? Has no one a suggestion to make? The Morning Astorian is ready to get behind any reasonable, rational, safe proposition for pushing it to the front, that is, to completion. Rouse up, gentlemen, and get your records out of the wet and the possible fire.

INVOKE AID OF CONGRESS.

A valuable service is performed by the interstate commerce commission in publishing a quarterly bulletin giving a summary and analysis of railway accidents in the United States. These reports reach back four years, during which time 1581 passengers and 12,377 employes have lost their lives on American railways.

Eighty-four dollars is the price of a saloon license in San Francisco, good for one year. The question of raising the license to \$500 was submitted to the voters at the recent election, and failed to carry by nearly 3000 votes. The strongest influence brought to bear against an increased tribute was the threat of the saloon men to abolish free lunches.

No sooner do hostilities abate in the Far East than—while we wait to hear the latest from South America—Kentucky jumps into the ring, unannounced, and proceeds to kill right and left according to an old "feudal" custom of that state.

Leslie M. Shaw of Des Moines, Ia., Joseph B. Fomaker of Cincinnati and Charles Warren Fairbanks of Indianapolis are unanimous in the opinion that Roosevelt should not be bound and gagged in an effort to force another nomination upon him.

Public ownership is on trial in Chicago, but not making the progress promised by its advocates who were elected under pledges of instantaneous action. If demagogues could be trusted the political millennium would have come to pass long ago.

In political history '93 is a more ominous number than 23. The Democratic reformers never recall the second Cleveland administration, when their party controlled all branches of the Government. The story is too harrowing to claim a place in their memory.

Government engineers estimate that a 14-foot channel can be constructed between St. Louis and Chicago, by way of the Mississippi and Illinois for \$30,000,000. That is a highly favorable statement when the value of the improvement to the whole country, and for all time, is considered.

In the New York Legislature the large Republican majority in both houses was increased at Tuesday's election. Arithmetic men can draw any conclusion they prefer from the returns in the various states.

All sorts and conditions of Massachusetts free traders made a distinct issue in the recent campaign and were defeated. There will be less windbag talk hereafter about the position of Massachusetts against protection.

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